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The Honorable Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243

Re:

Complaint of Ben Lomand Communications, Inc. against Citizens Telecommunications of Tennessee, LLC

TRA Docket No. 02-01221

Dear Chairman Tate:

On behalf of both parties to this matter, I am enclosing with this letter a Joint Motion to Appoint Hearing Officer.

Should you have any questions or require anything further at this time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

cc:

Mike Swatts Gregg Sayre

H. LaDon Baltimore

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:)
)
COMPLAINT OF BEN LOMAND)
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,)
)
Petitioner,)
)
v.) Docket No. 02-01221
)
CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
COMPANY OF TENNESSEE, LLC)
)
Respondent)

JOINT MOTION TO APPOINT HEARING OFFICER

As is evidenced by the signatures of counsel below, the parties move the Authority jointly to appoint Randall Gilliam as Hearing Officer in this matter, pursuant to TCA 4-5-301(a)(2) and TCA 65-2-111. Mr. Gilliam currently is serving as the Pre-Hearing Officer in this case and has presided over numerous status conferences between the parties in this docket. Further, Mr. Gilliam serves as the Hearing Officer in another case pending between these parties (Docket No. 03-00331).

Both parties assert that granting this motion will promote the orderly and prompt conduct of these proceedings and will not impair the interests of justice.

Respectfully submitted,

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